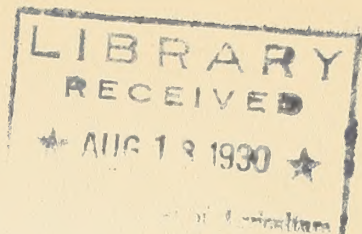


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A 4-H CLUB FAMILY

A radio talk by Cora Kingsbury, Tolland County, North Coventry, Connecticut, delivered from the New York Studios of the National Broadcasting Company and through 45 associated stations, Saturday, August 2, 1930.

My club activities started when I was five years old as an associate member of a cooking and canning club that was organized in our community.

After this early association with club work there was a lapse until I was twelve years old. That was in the fall of 1925 when I joined a health club which was organized in the one room school which I attended. I got a great deal of help through our health club and the physical condition of most of our members was improved through good food and health habits and better posture. That fall I gave my first demonstration and was an elated member of the State Champion Health Team.

Prior to the State Fair I was awarded a trip to the Junior Short Course held at our State Agricultural College. The next spring I was sent as a delegate from our club to our first State Club Round-Up held at our State Capitol.

These events were all real thrills for me, taking me to interesting places and events outside my home community and helped to develop a determination on my part to do a lot more club work.

In 1926 I joined the Tolland County Dairy Club. A purebred Jersey was my first dairy animal. I have since sold her and am raising another Jersey as purebred Jerseys are in high esteem on our farm. I exhibited my first heifer at the State Fair and the Eastern States Exposition, winning prizes at both places. While I have spent the prize money that I won, I have kept the ribbons as a pleasant memory of the past and a challenge for the future. In the fall of 1928, I was on a dairy demonstration team for our County Club. We were fortunate enough to win second place in the State Contest.

In the spring of 1926, a clothing club was organized in our community. As I wanted more and prettier clothes, I joined this club. During the four years I have been engaged in clothing work I have learned to make practically all of my own clothes.

Two years ago a boys' canning club was organized and I was the assistant local leader. This last year I had full responsibility for the leadership of the club. Both years we trained demonstration teams, and one year our team of boys won the county canning demonstration team contest and competed in the State Contest. Last year the eight members of the club canned over 1,000 jars. Don't you think that's pretty good, for boys?

In the fall of 1928, a group of younger girls organized a clothing club in our community and I am the local leader. We have completed the first year's

program and are now busy with our second year's work. I have gotten a great deal of satisfaction from working with these girls and feel I am helping to repay the community for the time that other local leaders have given to help me.

Each year since 1926, I have attended the State Club Round-Up and the State Junior Short Course. Three of these four years I exhibited at the State Fair in several classes which my club activities have represented.

In 1928 I was a delegate to the National 4-H Club Camp at Washington, D.C. This is one of the finest experiences I have had. It really inspired me not only to do better club work myself but to be of greater service to others. It was there, I decided to be a County Club Agent some day.

At present I am a member of a canning club, a clothing club, and still have my Jersey heifer. I am also local leader of a clothing club. I have finished my Junior year in high school and hope after graduating to be able to attend our State Agricultural College and prepare to be a County Club agent.

This summer brother and I are trying a special project--canning tomatoes. We have about two hundred plants and are planning to can five or six hundred quarts in tin.

Each year I attend about sixty-five 4-H club meetings. Much of my enthusiasm has come from the other members of my family because our family really is, "A 4-H Club Family." My Daddy was largely responsible for the organization of our County Dairy Club and has been one of its leaders for the past six years.

Mother organized our first clothing club and has been local leader through its four years of activity. My older sister was leader of the boys canning club, and at the present time is a temporary helper in the State Club Office. My brother who is a member of the County Dairy Club has organized a dairy club in our community and is the local leader.

I have a younger sister who is active in 4-H Club work. With five leaders and three club members you see we really are pretty much "A 4-H Club Family."

I am thrilled with this opportunity to talk to you today and tell you about the interest of our family in 4-H club work. I hope that your family, too, is for club work, just 100%. Though I am awfully scared, I am glad I am here and have this occasion to say one more word for 4-H club work.